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Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on May 16, 2003 (Paper No. 9), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No. 9 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

The response is due on August 16, 2003, which falls on a Saturday and is therefore extended until Monday, August 18, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. The response is thus timely filed, and Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.